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Magistrate's Office, site (Police Station)
7 W. Chatsworth Avenue
Reisterstown
County

(demolished c. 2000)

The Reisterstown Magistrate's Office stood on the south side of West Chatsworth Avenue, directly behind the Reisterstown Vol. Fire Company building. The one-story shed-roofed building was constructed of brick laid in 6-course common bond. The principal façade was three bays wide, showing signs of several alterations to the fenestration. On the interior of the building, a raised platform stood at the west end of the room, and a door in the south wall led to a small brick addition which contained a stand-alone steel jail cell.

From Pollack, Carol (1974) Reisterstown 1974. Columbia Office Services, Inc. (a pamphlet sponsored by the Optimist Club of Reisterstown-Owings Mills):

"The next landmark is what served and was known as the very first police station, located on Main Street in the building known today as Sander's Place, operated then as Bosley & Berryman's Store. The "station" moved across the street to the Sewing Machine Shop, which became Clark's Plumbing, and is now the Quality Upholstery Shop. In 1939 it was again moved, this time to the back of Hobbs' Hotel (Yellow Tavern) and for the first time had a whole room to call its own! Much later there was a building for the Police Station with a real jail built, known today as the abandoned Magistrate's Court building next to the fire house. In 1965 the new modern Station serving the entire area was built in Garrison. The town's first jailor was Reuben Berryman and the first policeman was William Chenowith who performed his duties at a time when only one policeman was necessary, his biggest charge being to assist those who had altercations or those who had imbibed too much! Reisterstown was a peaceful and a peace loving town."

The 1950 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map identifies the building as the police station. An elderly neighbor said that the building had been a fish market in the

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early 20th century. The building was demolished c. 2000 to accommodate an enlargement of the fire station.

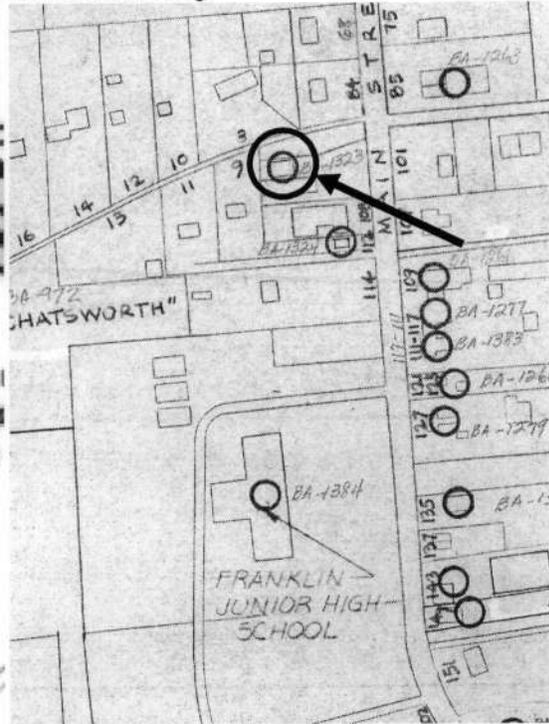
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7 W. Chatsworth Avenue, Reisterstown
Reisterstown Quadrangle

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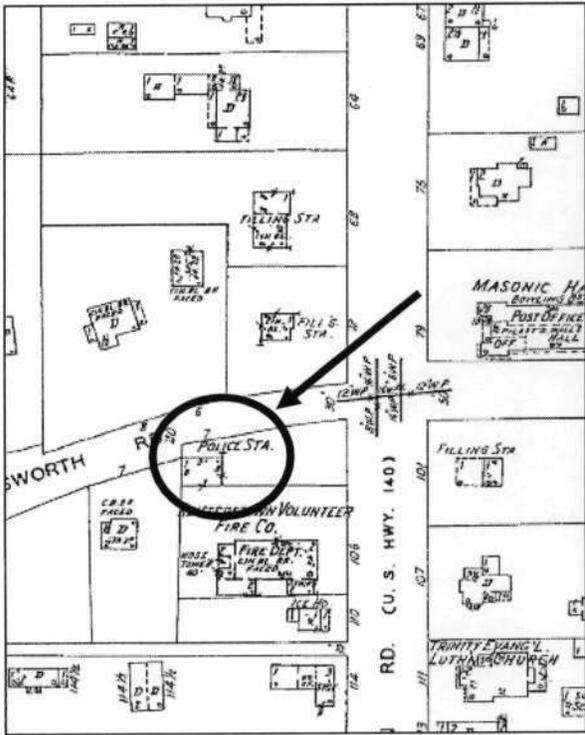


Sanborn Map, 1950

1977 Detail Map



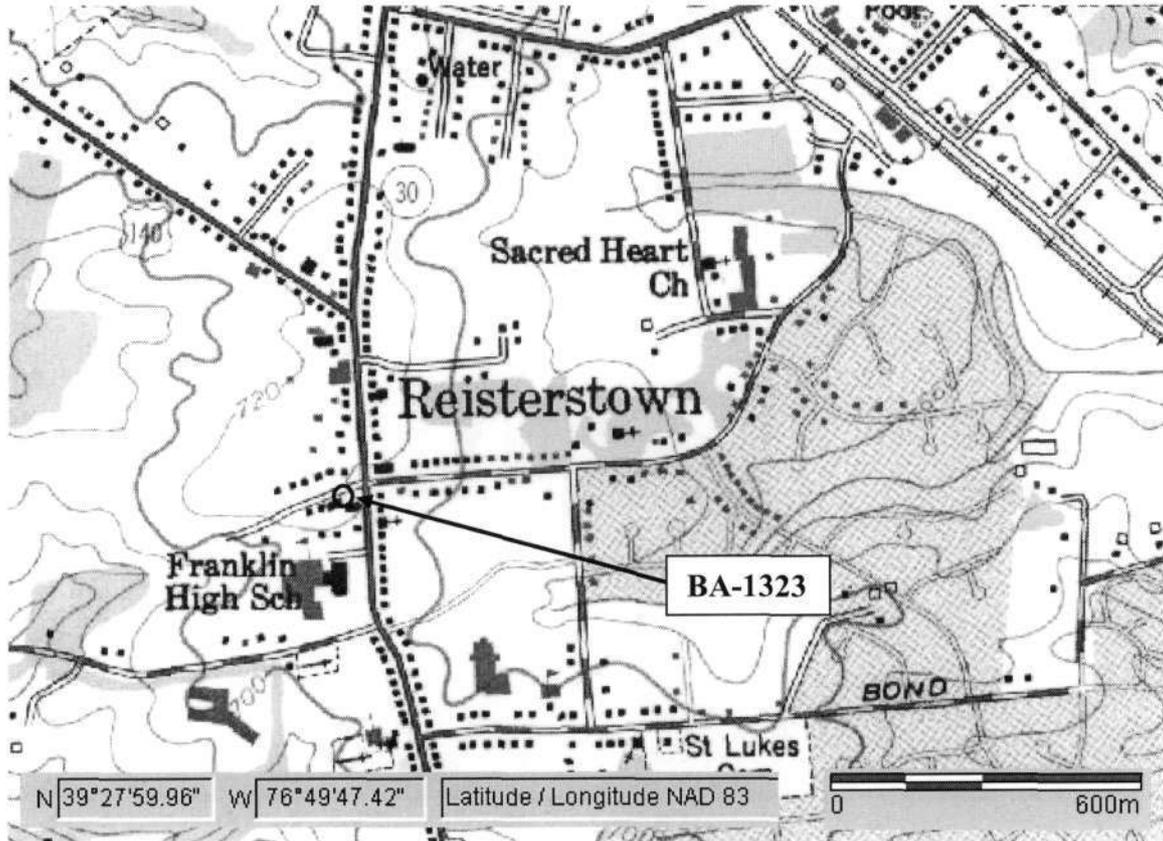
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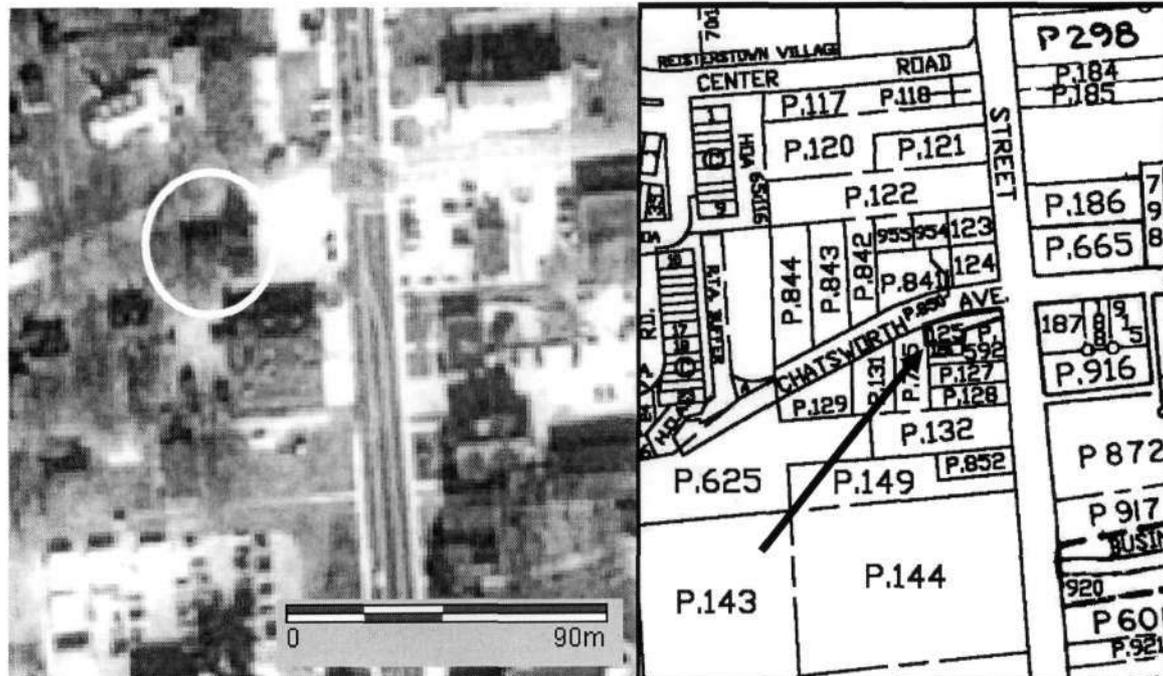
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1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 48, parcel 125



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Jennifer K. Cosham, c. 1998

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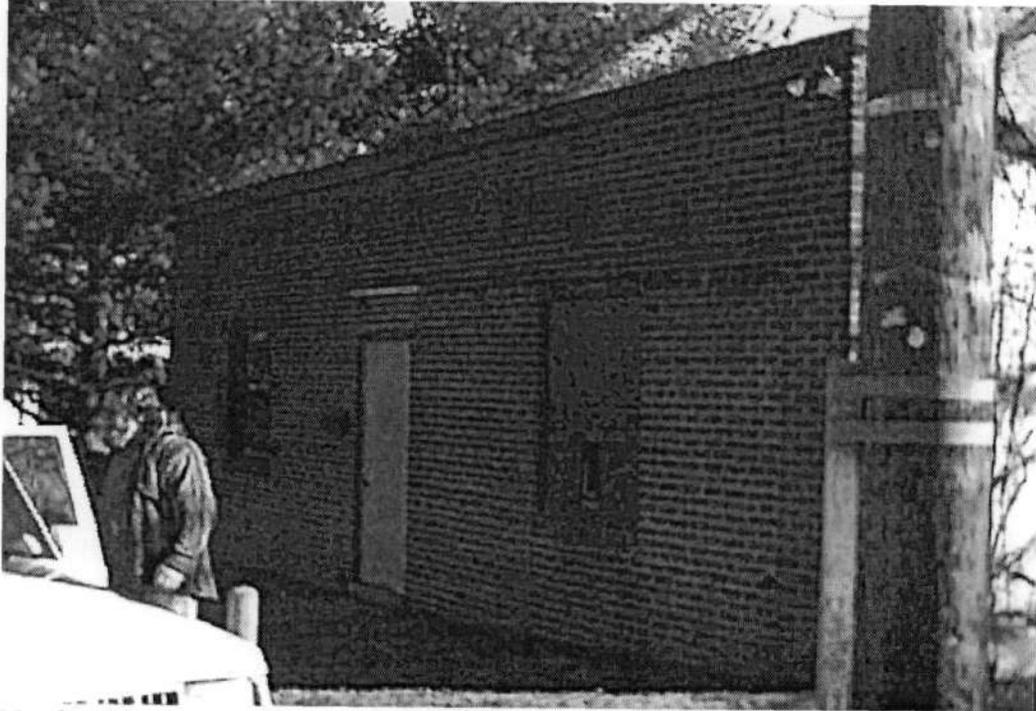
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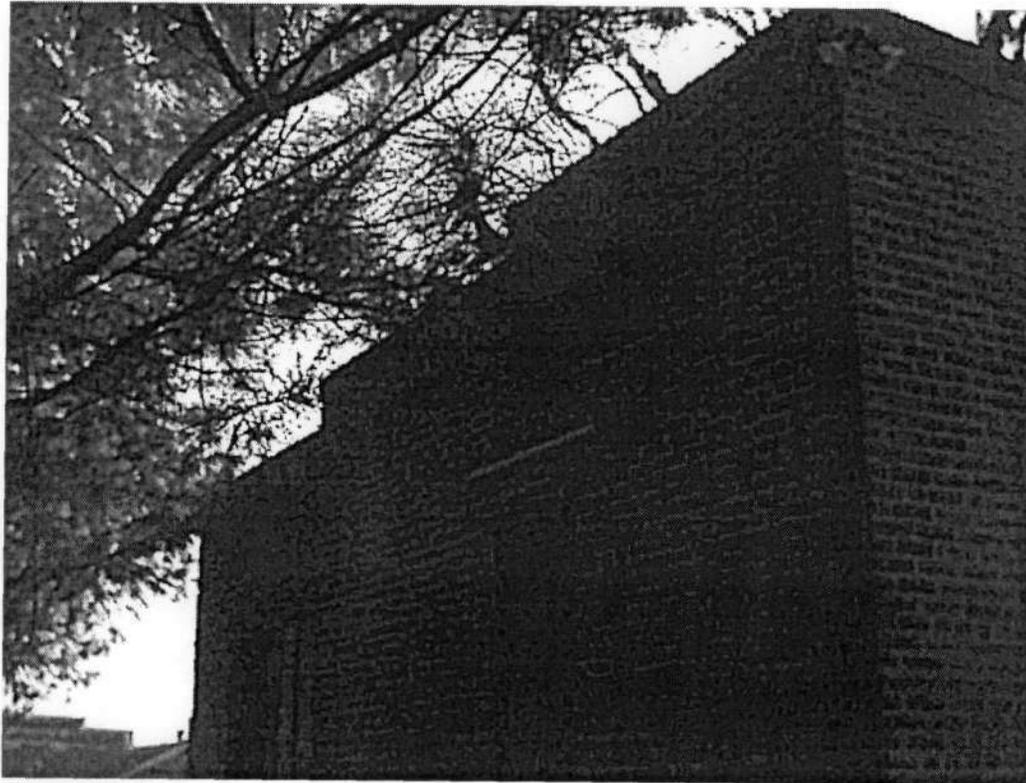
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Northwest elevation



East elevation

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West elevation

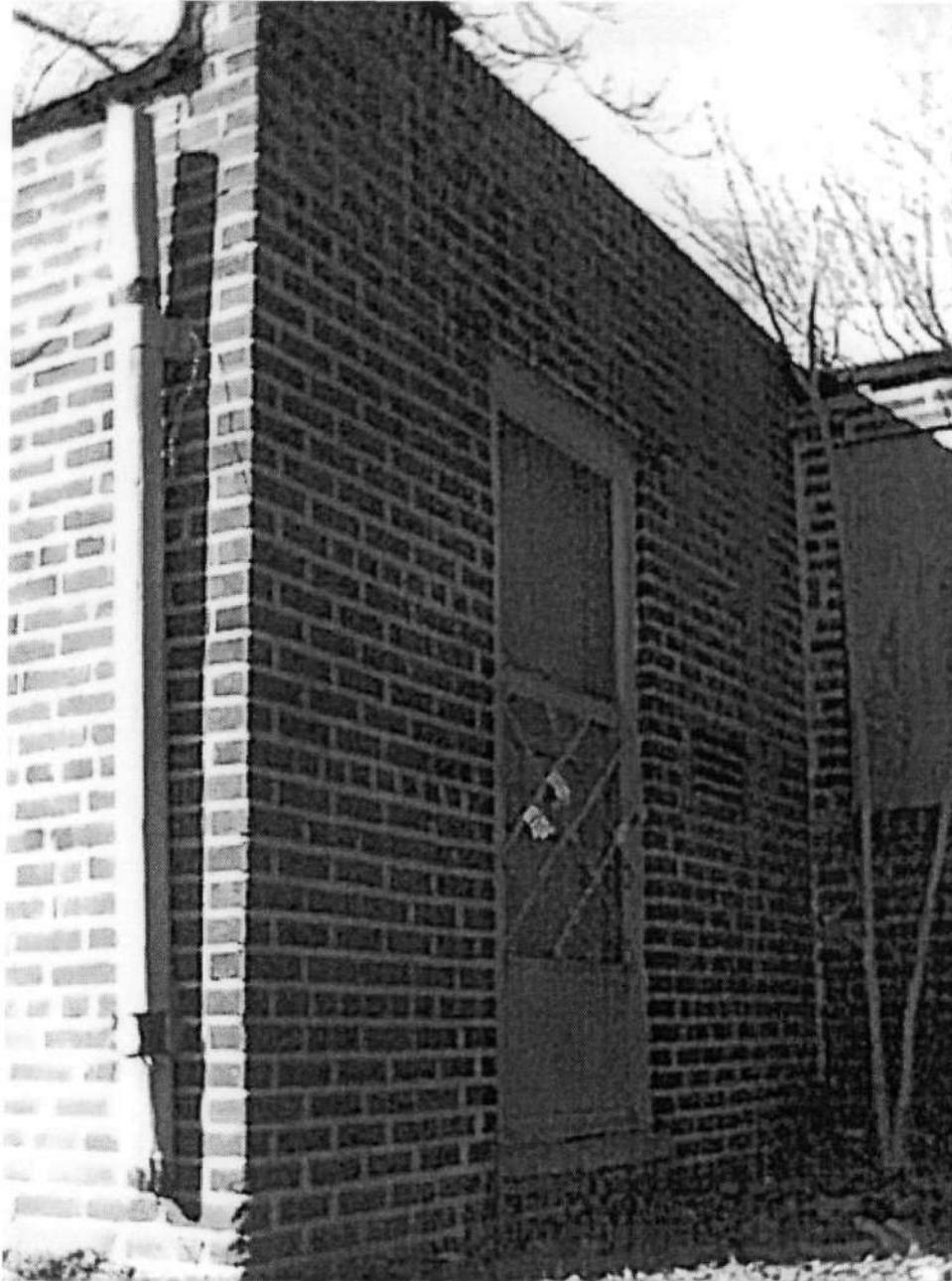


South elevation

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Southeast corner